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DINOSAUR - GOOD NEWS CONTINUES

On November 29, the Secretary of the Interior met with conservation leaders (Dave Brower among them) and stated definitely that Echo Park dam is not essential to the development of the Upper Colorado project and that legislation recommending alternate damsites will be presented to Congress. This is an immense step toward firm protection of Dinosaur National Monument, and through it toward strengthening the whole National Park system.

Good news needs few words, and we have space for some philosophy. Skeptics are inclined to say "They can change their minds any moment." Of course they can, and will, unless we remain alert. There is no finality in the political world. The British Parliament can repeal Magna Charta at any time, and Congress can flood the entire floor of Yosemite Valley if they wish. The only final protection is public opinion: a habit of mind built up steadily through the years and crystallized in the laws and customs which reflect that habit of mind, but which are subject to dissolution and change at any time. Because the protecting walls of public opinion are built up grain by grain--person by person--in school, office and club, it seems to us that no one should ever say that his own efforts for Conservation are too limited to matter. --CMC

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The last meeting for 1955 will be next Monday evening, December 12, in the Club office at 7:45 p.m.

All Chapter members are invited to attend.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Meeting will be December 22.

CHRISTMAS PARTY - SATURDAY NIGHT! December 10

You'll be sorry if you miss this party!

We promise you the most fun you've had in ages!

Glen Gaumer and his corps have created some extraordinary decorations, Enid Lovett and her crew have gone all out to provide a delicious midnight buffet. And, there's Murray Petersen's orchestra-7 pieces for four hours! - Who could ask for anything more?

Well, there is more. And, don't despair if you don't do much social dancing. There'll be enough going on to keep you from relaxing too long. For one thing, there's Tena's Holiday Brew. It's new - it's delicious - and pretty to look at, besides.

Wait until you see Santa Claus and his reindeer! They're worth the price of the ticket by themselves.

Not last - or least - by any means - is the skit! Speaking of same, be sure to be on time. Curtain at 8:15, and we're not kidding. Irene Dermer and her thespians have put the plot under "Classified Information," but judging from the weird collection of props they've been assembling, something zany is in the offing.

We hope there are no tickets left when you read this. But there might be. Better check with someone on the committee before you come. In San Francisco try Tena Catena or Violet Butler; in East Bay try Betty and Armin Christeler or Maxine and Jay Hill; or the Chairman, yours truly, Barbara Tilden. Phone numbers are in the Schedule.

Place: Montclair Women's Club, Mountain Boulevard at Thornhill Drive. It's easy to find...just look at a map.

Tickets are $3.00. Don't forget your gift - something a dollar or under - or Santa won't have anything for you. --BT

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ESKIMO ROLLS

are still being tried every Saturday morning at the pool at Alameda Naval Air Station. Participants must call Lou Elliott (HUmboldt 3-3801) not later than the preceding Tuesday so that he may list them with the Security Guard.

WANT A PREVIEW OF THE NEW SCHEDULE?

Helen Waterman will unveil the Schedule for January-May 1956 in the Club Office on Thursday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m. Stuffers will also be welcomed.

THE UNINFORMED -

Ticket sellers for the Christmas Party telephoned many of the past year's "new members" and were astonished to find so many of them didn't even know the Club had an annual Christmas Party! They had been busy recently and hadn't noticed the ad in the Schedule---and they don't subscribe to the Yodeler. All most all seemed grateful to have it called to their attention.

If you find the Yodeler helpful in keeping informed of Club activities, why not call the Yodeler to the attention of new members? Or better still, send your copy to one.

MOUNTAINEARS HEAR:

Friends of Margaret Gosker, a former NSS'er, will be sorry to hear that she is ill. She will be glad to hear from them at 123 N. Caswell Road, Charlotte 4, North Carolina. We hear that Sanford Ralph Dole arrived at the home of parents Alfred and Helen--and, we're told, hopes to go on family burro trips with his folks and his four siblings in not too many years.

Only one marriage, as far as we know, this time (thanks, Marjorie). Marjorie (formerly) McGinnis is now Mrs. Harold O. Givens.

Even our old standby--the staff--fails us. None of us have done anything we'll admit is worth printing, so that's all this time. --HF

WANTED: Two or three-bedroom home within public transportation distance of downtown Oakland. Sierrans, Barbara and Bob Coppock and baby-twins are moving here from Sacramento. Fireplace preferred. If you have a home in mind, please telephone Charlotte Mauk, THornwall 3-6212, or write the Coppocks at 5341 Ashland Way, Sacramento 18.

FOR SALE: Lederhosen (leather pants) imported from Germany. These are the original Bavarian article (steerhide, grey valour) in all sizes for children, women, and men. Priced according to size, from $3.45 to $10.50. Also original leather suspenders ($.50 to $1.25), grey wool felt jackets, hats; contact Mrs. Annemarie Fahrenbach, 463 Hanover Ave., Oakland. GLencourt 2-1381.

BERNARD de VOTO

to whom we paid final tribute in the last issue, did not receive his full due. He was not only a friend but also an (honorary) member.

"THE WORDS OF THE EARTH"

Cedric Wright's new book, The Words of the Earth, with its 30 Sierra photographs, will be at the Stanford Galley in Palo Alto from December 15 to January 15.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

That's right, we've made special arrangements with him. He'll be at the East Bay Dinner Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 14. Bring your children, grandchildren, or neighbors' children, and let them whisper in Santa's ear what they would like for Christmas. Then, they will hear about Christmas as a Negro preacher would explain it from that famous story teller, Amy Deeter. All of us, from four to eighty-four, will enjoy singing carols to the accompaniment of Sarah Sabelman's guitar. She has led lots of children in singing through the Oakland Recreational Department.

We'd like everyone to wear an ornament and decorate the Christmas tree with it. Don't buy your tree before the party because you may win it as a door prize. Also, bring a present (not more than 50¢) with your name inside and you'll get someone else's in return.

We are trying to make this a special event for children, and they have a lower dinner price of about $1.15. The adults' plate will be about $1.60, but we'll be having roast beef.

Make your reservations earlier this time, cancellations also, with Ethel Horsfall at LAndscape 4-3661 by Sunday, December 11, at 10:00 p.m. Remember that the food has to be paid for if you make reservations and don't show up. The social hour starts at 5:30 p.m., the dinner hour at 6:30 p.m. The place is the Whittier School Cafeteria in Berkeley. -- Elaine Carl

XMAS GIFTS

For unusual "little" Christmas gifts, drop by The December Shop, 2335 Fillmore, San Francisco, one block up from the Clay Theatre. Really <u>different</u> ceramic jewelry, angels, ashtrays, etc. at fascinating prices. Sierra Club member, Nancy Anderson, Proprietor. Open evenings 4 - 6, noon to 6 on Saturdays, or phone BAview 1-6505 or LOmbard 6-8737 for appointment.

NEEDED: Berkeley house, rent or caretake, 2 study rooms, garden for sun tanning. Garage or basement for workshop if possible. THornwall 5-0876.
ALLEN & FLORENCE RATA KLINGER

KNAPSACK NOTES

PARTY MEETING

The December Knapsackers' meeting will be an impromptu informal party. Conversation, slides - bring ten of your best - and refreshments. (Refreshments may cost as much as 25¢, but it will be worth it.) Instead of the Assembly Room, the party will be held in the Club Office, 8 - 10 p.m., Tuesday, December 27.

The fourth Tuesday of every month the knapsackers hold their social-business meetings in the Assembly Room - third floor of the Mills Tower. An extensive program is planned for the future meetings so check your schedule. The past meetings have helped settle matters of policy and practice for Knapsackers as well as providing enjoyment and information. --Harry Lieberman

NOVEMBER MEETING --

Are you one of those who has been missing the pleasant, informative monthly meetings arranged by Knapsack Section Chairman Harry Lieberman? Well, we very strongly recommend that you drop in to see just what you've been missing.

The November meeting featured a very interesting program on dehydrated foods presented by Mary King. Mary discussed several lines of food, pointing out the worthwhile features of each. Ed Breitwieser of the U.S. Western Utilization Research Lab supplied some practical information and also gave us a preview of things to come in the way of dehydrated foods. Door prizes were won by almost everyone present, and numerous free samples were carted away.

The business portion of the meeting touched on subjects like transportation coordinating, use of a "suggested fare" in future <u>schedules</u> and use of chartered busses for weekend trips.

Refreshments served by Jo Kolda and Fausta Kukuritis wound up the meeting on a social note. --- Walt Oppenheimer

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WE'VE BEEN ASKED

"I understand some people earn their way at Clair Tappaan Lodge during the Winter season. How is this possible and how can I do it?"

Answer: Each week end during the winter season, four persons become temporary staff members and perform specified tasks which enable them to "earn" the weekend free. They are, by title: hostess, assistant cook, and two Ski Patrolmen!

The hostess assists the manager in details of operation by checking the worksheets, making assignments, and generally overseeing their completion. Her duties require about three hours both morning and evening, but with ample free mid-day time for skiing. Naturally, hostesses must be persons with a good general knowledge of the Lodge and how it operates, but any grown girl or woman who has been to the Lodge several times and has the foreknowledge, can become a hostess by applying to Jean Kearney who makes these assignments. Assignments are made well in advance, generally to cover the entire season, so applicants should contact her as soon as possible.

The assistant cook is just as the title implies. She assists the cook in meal preparations and helps direct kitchen operations. Again, the requirement of foreknowledge is a must. Because these duties oftentimes take most of the day, the assistant cook is usually awarded an additional free weekend. Variations in meals and menus which take more time in preparation are the determining factors. Assignments for assistant cook are made by Lotte Clark, cook, Clair Tappaan Lodge, and, like the hostess, assignments are made well in advance, so applicants should apply early.

The two Ski Patrolmen must be qualified by skiing ability and have proper First Aid training. Their duties are to assist in the tow operation and render First Aid to any casualties that might occur. Applicants for Ski Patrol should contact Don Huber, who, as Patrol Leader, makes the weekly assignments.

All of the above receive free tow privilege for the week end in addition to their room and board, but not transportation. --Jim Mulholland.

TAPPAAN TOPICS

Hey! It's Here . . .

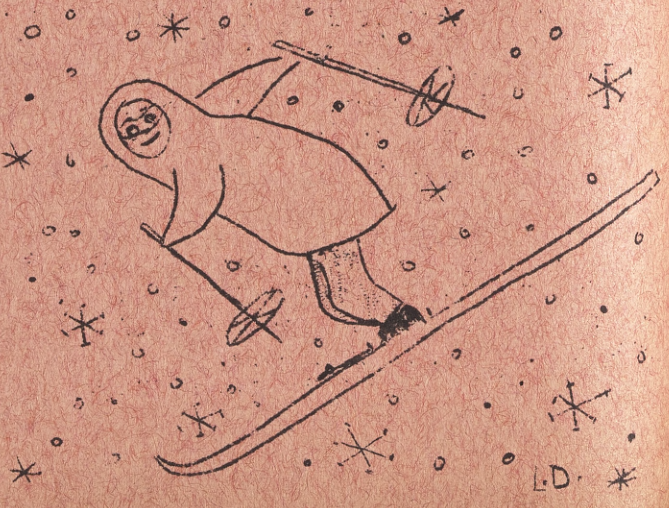
The season, that is. The latest word is from three to five feet of well-packed white stuff plus some six inches of powder. And to go along with the statistics, some superlatives. Like TERRIFIC", "FABULOUS", "BEST EVER", etc. At any rate, you get the picture. Reports filtering down from the frosted spaces do nothing short of raving about sunshine, packed slopes, Spring skiing conditions, the works on Thanksgiving week end and TERRIFIC powder conditions on the week end of December 3-4. We're cautioned to assure you that this is not propaganda--you've missed two of the best week ends of the season, and that's all there is to it.

But there are week ends to come. Lots of them. Qualified guesstimators are predicting a colder winter--10-12° colder than normal--and at least 450" (we figure that's roughly 37½ feet of snow)! The way it's pouring outside right now, I can believe it!

So, Reservations are in Order...

The sooner the better if you want to be sure to have a bunk on the week ends YOU want to ski. Reservations are accepted anytime after 30 days before a given weekend. The chartered bus will start the weekend after New Year's--January 7-8. Same deal as last year, and $6 for a round trip ticket.

Moral: Get your skis in shape--and start exercising to get you in shape. The slopes are ready---just waiting for you and your skis! --WN



ATTENTION SKIERS

This year we are going all out to develop better skiers and rate them according to their ability. Our test judges will be reviewed and brought up to date on proper skiing techniques. A skiers' ladder will be made up and located at Clair Tappaan Lodge. Positions on the ladder will be determined from the results of the Sunday fun slaloms on Signal Hill.

Signal Hill is the official ski test area for the Central California Divisions of the NSP. You'll see plenty of Ski Patrolmen practicing with toboggans this winter.

We want to develop a competitive spirit among old and young alike. In the process of developing this spirit, we hope to produce better skiers for the Sierra Club. There will be several events this winter in which we can enter a team. This team will be composed of the top women and men skiers as indicated by the ladder at the time of the event. There will be numerous contests in which members can ski for the Club as individuals. The races, other than those held on Signal Hill, will require Far West Ski Association membership and race cards.

Signal Hill will be the area for fun races, instruction, ski tests, and slalom practice. We plan to have either third class slaloms, second class slalom, or both every Sunday that the weather permits and does not conflict with other major races in the area. Cross country training will be available if someone will volunteer to handle that phase.

A current schedule of competitive events will be posted on the Clair Tappaan bulletin board. We will try to keep this schedule up to date as various events become known to us. Special attention will be given to training and practice, particularly to promising juniors.

As a club we are a member of the FWSA. Therefore, we can race for the club in sanctioned meets. As individuals, you can be members and help support the ski patrol, uniform ski schools, winter Olympics, organized and competitive skiing, and also receive the skier magazine. Membership dues are $2.00. Race cards are $1.50. Both are required to

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enter sanctioned competition and can be obtained by sending your money to:

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State your name, address, classification, and club affiliation. Below listed are the FWSA competition classifications:
International "open" Competitors: Those competitors who are eligible under FIS rules but are not eligible as amateurs.
Divided into open "A", "B", or "C":
Veteran I: Those who have reached their 32 birthday, but not their 40th.
Veteran II: Those who have reached their 40 birthday, but not their 50th.
Veteran III: Those who have reached their 50th birthday.
Class "A", "B", & "C": Depends on racing record with advancement by FWSA.

All persons over 18 years old, but not yet 32 years old would fall in Class C unless previously advanced to "B" or "A" by FWSA.
Junior "A" & "B": Restricted to those who have reached their 14th, but not their 18th birthday. Advancement from Junior I or II to this class by FWSA and based on ability to compete with older racers of A and B level. Other juniors fall in the age groups below:
Junior I: Those who have reached their 16, but not their 18th birthday.
Junior II: Those who have reached their 14, but not their 16th birthday.
Junior III: Those who have reached their 12, but not their 14th birthday.
Junior IV: Those who have reached their 10, but not their 12th birthday.
Junior V: Those who have not reached their 10th birthday.

It is a well recognized fact that those who develop good downhill technique will get more fun touring and will be safer through increased ability to deal with difficult terrain and snow conditions. So, let's all get out and do more skiing.

—Jim Nicklos,
Competition Chairman

A merry Christmas to you from the staff


Barbara


Cicely


Al


Howard


Irene


Buff


Sallie


Liz


Ethel


Jane


Matilda


Bob


Louise

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